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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electronic Government Initiative**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to establish a
4 time line for certain units of the Executive Branch of State government to make
5 information and services available to the public over the Internet; providing for
6 certain exceptions; requiring the Secretary to establish certain guidelines;
7 requiring certain units of the Executive Branch to submit certain plans;
8 requiring the Chief of Information Technology to review certain plans; and
9 generally relating to State information technology policies.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - State Finance and Procurement
12 Section 3-401(b), 3-403, and 3-410
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

18 3-401.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in
20 subsection (a) of this section AND § 3-403(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, this subtitle applies to
21 all units of the Executive Branch of State government including public institutions of
22 higher education other than the University System of Maryland.

23 3-403.

24 (a) The Secretary is responsible for developing, maintaining, revising, and
25 enforcing information technology policies and standards.

26 (b) The Secretary shall develop a statewide information technology master
27 plan.

1 (C) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING TIME LINE FOR
2 UNITS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE INFORMATION
3 AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE INTERNET:

4 (I) 50% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2002;

5 (II) 65% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2003; AND

6 (III) 80% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2004.

7 (2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
8 HIGHER EDUCATION.

9 (3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT
10 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

11 [(c)] (D) Except as provided in subsection [(d)] (E) of this section, in
12 accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary, each unit of the Executive
13 Branch of State government shall develop and submit to the Secretary:

14 (1) information technology policies and standards; [and]

15 (2) an information technology plan; AND

16 (3) AN ANNUAL PROJECT PLAN OUTLINING THE STATUS OF EFFORTS TO
17 COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

18 [(d)] (E) The governing boards of the public institutions of higher education
19 shall develop and submit information technology policies and standards and an
20 information technology plan for their respective institutions or systems to the
21 Secretary.

22 [(e)] (F) In the case of the plans, policies, and standards for the public
23 institutions of higher education, the Secretary shall incorporate those submissions
24 into the statewide plan, provided the submissions are consistent with the statewide
25 plan. If the Secretary finds that the submissions are not consistent with the plan, the
26 Secretary shall return the submissions to the governing boards, which shall revise the
27 submissions as appropriate before resubmission to the Secretary.

28 [(f)] (G) Before carrying out the powers and duties provided by this section,
29 the Secretary shall consult with the Comptroller.

30 3-410.

31 (a) The Chief of Information Technology is established within the Department.

32 (b) The Chief shall be appointed by the Secretary and serves at the Secretary's
33 pleasure.

34 (c) The Chief shall be provided appropriate professional and administrative
35 staff by the Secretary as provided in the budget.

1 (d) The Chief is responsible to the Secretary in carrying out the following
2 duties:

3 (1) developing, maintaining, and enforcing statewide information
4 technology standards, policies, and procedures;

5 (2) providing technical assistance, advice, and recommendations to the
6 Secretary concerning information technology matters;

7 (3) reviewing major information technology projects for consistency with
8 statewide plans, policies, and standards; [and]

9 (4) REVIEWING AGENCY PROJECT PLANS TO MAKE INFORMATION AND
10 SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE INTERNET; AND

11 [(4)] (5) developing and maintaining a statewide information technology
12 master plan that will:

13 (i) be the basis for the management and direction of information
14 technology within the Executive Branch of State government;

15 (ii) include all aspects of State information technology including
16 telecommunications, data processing, and information management;

17 (iii) consider interstate transfers due to federal legislation and
18 regulation;

19 (iv) ensure that information technology plans and budgets are
20 consistent; and

21 (v) ensure that State information technology plans, policies, and
22 standards are consistent with State goals, objectives, and resources, and represent a
23 long-range vision for using information technology to improve the overall
24 effectiveness of State government.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
26 effect July 1, 2000.